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1. I FIND THE TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
COMPETENT AND QUALIFIED TO CONDUCT GRADES KINDERGARTEN
THRU NINE, ALTHOUGH SCHOOL FACILITIES STRAINED FOR
UPPER GRADES. IN ADDITION, RECENT DECISION TO OFFER
GRADE TEN PUTS FURTHER UNUSUAL STRAIN ON STAFF
RESOURCES AND PLANT. PRESENT PLANT HAS ADEQUATE
CLASSROOMS KINDERGARTEN THRU GRADES SEVEN. AMERICAN
COMMUNITY AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED DOES NOT REQUIRE
TENTH GRADE PROGRAM AND MAY NOT NEED NINTH GRADE.

2. IN RE PARA 2 REFTTEL, SCIENCE TEACHER RECOMMENDED
TO TEACH ANY COMBINATION OF FOUR CLASSES SCIENCE
AND MATHEMATICS GRADES SEVEN THRU TEN. DUTIES WOULD
INCLUDE TEACHING FOUR CLASSES PREFERABLY MATH-SCIENCE
COMBINATIONS. SAME TEACHER WOULD TEACH SEVENTH
GRADE OR EIGHTH, NINTH, AND TENTH MATH AND SCIENCE.
MALE TEACHER PREFERRED; IDEALLY, ONE WHO COULD
HELP WITH SPORTS PROGRAM. I RECOMMEND ADOPTION
OF FLORIDA STATE ISCS PROGRAM FOR GRADES SEVEN AND
EIGHT AND THE HIRING OF A TEACHER QUALIFIED TO
TEACH THIS PROGRAM. ALSO, APPROPRIATION OF SUFFICIENT
MONIES TO PURCHASE RELATED PROGRAM MATERIALS FOR
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APPROXIMATELY 50 STUDENTS. MOST SUITABLE TEACHER FOR

OVERALL NEEDS THIS SCHOOL THIS YEAR COULD ALSO TEACH YELLOW VERSION BSCS (BIOLOGY PROGRAM). HOWEVER, NO US CHILDREN WILL BE ENROLLED IN THIS COURSE THIS YEAR. NO ADDITIONAL LABORATORY FACILITIES ARE REQUIRED FOR ISCS PROGRAM; HOWEVER, SOME EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE ADDED FOR BEST PRESENTATION OF BIOLOGY PROGRAM. THIS MATERIAL WOULD HAVE TO BE PURCHASES LOCALLY OR IN BEIRUT. REQUIREMENTS COULD BE MET FOR LESS THAN \$500.

3. WITH REGARD SOCIAL SCIENCE TEACHER, THE PRESENT PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION WOULD BE GREATLY IMPROVED, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF RETURN OF AMERICAN STUDENTS, BY ADDITION OF SOCIAL SCIENCE SPECIALIST WITH FOCUS ON AMERICAN HISTORY. HERE AGAIN, SINGLE MALE PREFERABLE WITH POSSIBILITY OF ASSISTING IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM.

4. OTHER MOST URGENT NEED IS FOR LIBRARY BOOKS. I RECOMMEND FUNDS TO PERMIT EARLIEST POSSIBLE ACQUISITION 2,000 TO 3,000 VOLUMES FOR GRADES KINDERGARTEN THRU NINE WITH ANTICIPATED LONG-RANGE GOAL OF MEETING AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S BASIC MINIMUM RECOMMENDATION FOR K TO NINE.
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